

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Child Support Guideline Revision Act of 2004"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation to be Introduced - No Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan as agreed to by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia (Council). No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation would implement the recommendations of the Child Support Guideline Commission for updating and revising the District's Child Support Guideline. Under federal law, each state is required to review its child support guideline every four years as a condition for receiving federal child support and TANF funding.

The proposed legislation revises the District's guideline to reflect the current costs of raising children, revises the way child support payments are calculated and updates the sources of income that should be included or excluded. The proposed legislation also makes many amendments to current law to update and adjust requirements for living arrangements, child support collections and payments, and treatment of income and medical expenses. It also makes amendments to judicial procedures that apply to domestic relations and intra-family cases.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to fund contractual services and to upgrade IT systems (DC-CSES) systems that track and calculates child support payments.